

ALL CITIZENS ASKED TO REGISTER NOW

Colored Evangelist In White Pulpit

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BOOKS FOR REGISTRATION
ARE STILL OPEN; HAVE YOU RE-
GISTERED?

A few days ago there appeared in the editorial columns of the Meridian Star, an editorial comment with reference to the registration of the citizens of Lauderdale County. Certain comments were also made by the circuit clerk, Mr. Willis M. Taylor. According to a statement from circuit clerk Willis M. Taylor, only about 2000 citizens of Lauderdale County have registered. It is estimated that about 10,000 citizens are entitled to register in our county. Even though the number of 10,000 seems to be small when compared with the large number of inhabitants of Lauderdale County and yet, there seems to be only about 2000 who have taken advantage of this opportunity.

BOOKS ARE OPEN
The books are open for all persons eligible to register, white or black. We think that our people should take advantage of this opportunity and go up and register.

Even though there have been some complaints on the part of our people with reference to not being able to register or re-register, we would advise that you go back again and again until you have been successful in registering as a citizen. The man or woman who has no voice at the polls, who cannot express him or herself by ballot, does not get much consideration. It is the ballot that counts. Of course, it should be remembered that along with the ballot, there should be some GOOD OLD COMMON HORSE SENSE.

STUDY THE CONSTITUTION

My advice again to the members of my race is this: read and re-read, study and re-study the constitution of the State of Mississippi. The Mississippi law requires that in order to qualify as a voter, one must be able to read the constitution. If one is not able to read the constitution, he must be able to interpret the constitution as it is read to him. In other words, one must be able to explain what is meant by certain paragraphs and page in the constitution. Of course, it should be remembered that there are other requirements that must be met in order to qualify one's self for registration. At times, we can be disqualified because of some overt act that is in violation of the laws of our state. Register now.

Important Notice To Ministers

To the ministers of the city and others who may be affected by this particular article. As editor of the Weekly Echo, I wish to express my deep and sincere appreciation to you all for the support you have given the Echo. We are confident that you have tried to make the paper go. We believe that you and your people are interested in this Negro weekly. Your interest is shown by the steady increase of local news.

For some considerable time we have had regular standing columns for church announcements. These announcements carried your regular preaching Sundays, your Sunday School, Superintendent, your B. Y. P. U., Epworth League and your hour of worship. All of this has been done free of charge. We have not charged any pastor or church one penny. This has caused very important news matter to be left out until the coming week and in some events, the coming week would be too late for said news to be published.

In view of the fact that our people are desirous of reading the news, we are going to be compelled to discontinue the three columns that we have been giving to our ministers and their churches, however, if any minister de-

sires to continue the church news columns, that is, the announcement of his Sunday services etc., we will be glad to continue same with a small fee. We will publish these announcements by the week month or the year but we will have to discontinue a standing space as we have done heretofore for the reason our local news is continually growing. We hope this is clearly understood and that no minister will think that we are attempting to take advantage of him.

Rev. R. L. Young, Editor.

AN INTERESTING MEETING OF THE NEGRO CIVIC LEAGUE WAS HELD

The meeting of the Civic League, in its regular semi-monthly meeting held in the H. B. A. Building, Monday night, was one of much interest. Quite a number of the leading citizens met in this session with the president, Dr. L. F. Brooks, presiding. The secretary being absent, after some discussion, the office of the secretary was declared vacant. By a unanimous vote of all members present, Mr. James Crawford was elected secretary and Mr. R. W. Young was elected assistant secretary.

In a short while the League had entered into matters that vitally affects the race. Many helpful remarks and suggestions were made by Messrs C. T. Butler, E. F. and R. L. Young, M. Williams, W. H. Lewis, B. W. Coates, W. G. Wilson, L. F. Brooks, L. E. Johnson and others. Those who constitute the League are doing their best to put over a constructive program for our people. Rev. W. G. Wilson, chairman of the program committee is working earnestly to present a program that will unify our people to the extent that the results will be far reaching.

REGISTRATION

The Rev. M. Williams again called the League's attention to the fact that it was the duty of all members of the Civic League to register. Several members have already registered and others pledged themselves to do so immediately.

Dr. L. F. Brooks has spared no little pains in his efforts to make the League an asset to the community. The League is not an organization to create strife and ill will among individuals nor between races, but it is an organization perfected for the purpose of helping our people; of cementing together the unorganized forces and to bring a more harmonious spirit between the white and colored races.

Langston Hughes Dramatic Club

HEY! HEY! HEY! What now is this all about? The Revue International which will be presented at the H. B. A. Auditorium, Tuesday night, April 11th is the great sensation-advent of Springtime. The Langston Hughes Dramatic and Literary Club, under the direction of Mrs. S. A. Wilson is the most popular young peoples' movement in the city. It is little less than a year old, but My! It truly has demonstrated the truth, "We live in deeds, and not years."

This will be the greatest real show for Meridian, because the scenes will be more real than those of the theatres, being presented by our own young men and women, together with thirty of forty very small children. The show is based on scenes of Frank G. Carpenter's world travel. It will open with a home scene, dear America, which will last about 20 minutes. Thence we go to Germany, where we shall witness the Wedding of Painted Dolls on to China, Japan, Hawaii, Africa, and other interesting places where we shall be waded away in our imaginations, to the forgetting of our domestic worries, and old man "Depression," but to return home with new life and strength to carry on in our great "Come-back" program of the nation. You will see the Zulu boys, and the pinnies as they will burn a live man at stake; Street scenes and customs of other lands will be much in evidence on the 11th of April at the H. B. A. Auditorium. Get your tickets before you get to the door, while they may be had for 10 cents.



"The Southernaires" Gifted Male Quartet, heard every Sunday over an NBC weat Network at 10:00 A. M. Eastern Standard Time, have made an Envyable Reputation in their rendition of Spirituals and Negro Melodies, many of them old tunes which have been almost forgotten. "The Southernaires" have become one of National Broadcasting Company's most popular features. In addition to their Singing on the Southland Sketches Program on Sunday morning, they are also heard in "Carols as Love", a series of Dramatizations of Southern Life Broadcast over the N. B. C. Network on Sunday afternoons. Beginning at top, left to right, William Edmondson, Homer Smith, Lowell Peters and Jay S. Toney. (ANP)

At the door they will cost 15 cents. Oh boy! you should see Harlem night-club scene. Oh let me stop, because I can't describe it.

Miss Canary N. Wilson

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Upon the suggestion of Miss Lenora Young and through the co-operation of Mesdame Annie Smith, Estella and Ethel Young, a surprise birthday party was given in honor of Rev. E. F. Young, Monday evening, April 3rd at his home 1503-26th Avenue. Upon Rev. Young's return from a meeting of the Negro Civic League, he found twenty-two or more members of his family anxiously awaiting his return so as to spring on him what they thought to be a surprise. Just before his arrival the lights were turned off and two candles were giving light from the dining table which was decorated with a lovely spray of cut flowers and the birthday cake, around which were placed the candles—just how many, we will not say, for young people do not like to tell their age. After he entered the room, the lights were turned on and instead of seeing a look of surprise upon his face, he was quite calm and composed. He was ushered into the dining room to be reminded of his birthday party, by Mrs. R. L. Young. He looked at the cake and remarked with a smile, "I knew it, I was expecting it when I came today but nothing showed up. I said I guess they are putting it off until tonight."

Miss Lenora Young, daughter and promoter of the affair and those who co-operated with her, were very much disappointed. All of us wondered how the secret got out and he was kind enough to tell us. This is how it happened. Miss Young went to the store to buy a small quantity of sugar which the store keeper knew was unusual for them and asked "Why are you buying such little?" She told him that she was planning a surprise for her father for his birthday and did not want him to be suspicious. Later on father Young went to the store and the store keeper told him. All who saw the play given by the East End School "How a woman keeps a secret" yelled "and that is how a woman keeps a secret."

An impromptu program was rendered by members of the family that was timely and enjoyable, especially the duet "John Brown" rendered by Rev. R. L. and Mr. R. W. Young. The children and all present expressed their love and devotion to the aged old father with flowers, useful tokens and words to which he responded very touchingly. Among those present were his only sister, Mrs. Flossie McCarty; a brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edwards; five children, Rev. R. L. Young, Mesdame Annie Smith, Ruth Chester; Miss Lenora Young, and Mr. R. W. Young. The other children having been out of the city; two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Estella and Ethel Young; two son-in-laws; Messrs John W. Smith and Peter W. Chester; seven

grandchildren; the friend of Miss Young, Mr. Charlie Elliott; Mr. W. C. Baity and Mrs. Mattie Perkins, the mother of Mrs. E. F. Young, Sr. Mrs. Edwards furnished plenty of music, which was enjoyed by all. Ice cream and cake were served generously.

EDITOR TO DELIVER ADDRESS

Rev. R. L. Young, pastor of Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church and editor of the Weekly Echo, has been extended an invitation to deliver the banquet address for the Older Boys Assembly in Mississippi, Friday night, April 21st, at Yazoo City, Mississippi. According to reports, Rev. Young's name, along with others, was before the committee for consideration. Prof. Laurence C. Jones of Piney Woods School, Piney Woods, Mississippi, proposed the name of Rev. Young for this occasion. He was notified later through Mr. Blake Godfrey, who heads the Y. M. C. A., at Jackson, Mississippi, that he had been selected to deliver the address. Rev. Young has notified Mr. Godfrey that the invitation has been accepted.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINIS- TERIAL ALLIANCE ATTRACTING UNPRECEDENTED INTEREST

The interdenominational ministerial alliance, representing the best thought of the leading ministers of the city, is attracting wide-spread interest. Through this organization, ministers of different faiths blend their forces towards the realization of one aim: The social, moral, economic and spiritual advancement of the race.

EVERY MINISTER SHOULD ATTEND

Since the object of this organization of ministers is to interest itself in the general needs of the race as above mentioned, every minister who is a leader, or who contemplates becoming a leader, should identify himself with his fellow-ministers in a worthy and progressive organization such as we have in the ministerial alliance.

The alliance meets at the library every Tuesday morning at 10:00 O'clock, and I am sure anyone will find that the hour spent in the exchange and interchange of ideas could hardly be spent more profitably. Many of the ministers look forward with pleasure to that "alliance hour" when they can meet their brethren in a friendly discussion of those things that are of vital concern to our people as a whole. We plead with every minister to come unite with us in making this the best town in the state. We also ask every church member in the city who reads this to urge your pastor to line up with the other leaders, for our progress as a race will represent the sum

total of the advancement of All the people.

Rev. W. H. Lewis, Rep.
Pastor, Church of God.

MRS. ROSENBAUM TO SPEAK

Mrs. Isaac Rosenbaum, the wife of the president of the A. J. Lyon Grocery Company, will speak at the First Congregational Church Sunday evening, April 9th, at 7:30 P. M. Mrs. Rosenbaum is president and the Young People's club of which Miss Dorothy Harris is president will be in charge. Mrs. Rosenbaum will appear on the Vesper program which begins at 6:15. Rev. M. Williams is pastor.

REV. G. W. JOHNSON SELECTED TO SPEAK

Rev. G. W. Johnson, pastor of Haven Chapel M. E. Church, will speak at the Ministerial Alliance which meets regularly at the colored library every Tuesday morning at 10 O'clock. Rev. Johnson has for a subject "The Minister and His Relation to Community and State."

Rev. J. H. Hicks, assistant pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, will sing. The public is invited.

Rev. G. W. Wilson, president of the Alliance.
Rev. M. Williams, chairman of Program Committee.



MRS. VELMA BEAL YOUNG

The charming wife of Mr. E. F. Young, Jr., has gained experience in the past few years as a beauty culturist, which kindled her desire to become a finished artist. For the ensuing ten or twelve weeks she will receive expert instruction from Madame Burchet of Memphis, who was impressed with Mrs. Young's aptness and predicted a bright future for her in her chosen work.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

The New Hope Baptist Church, 26th Avenue and 13th Street offers weekly at the 11-A. M. worship on Sundays, wholesome and inspiring services. The messages are timely, and the public will find it very easy to get in the spirit of these services.

"Pastor Wilson of the New Hope Baptist Church of Meridian is one of the most clever and profound preachers of this day."

The message Sunday morning will be delivered from the subject:

THE NEW KING AND THE NEW KINGDOM. It is to be remembered that Sunday will be the second day of the passion week, commonknown as Palm Sunday. The disciples everywhere should feel like hailing Jesus King, and make ready the path thru our hearts that he may ride triumphantly thru the world conquering thru the agency of His church and the gospel.

A warm welcome awaits everybody.

POPULAR MERIDIANITES MOTOR TO MEMPHIS

Sunday morning, April 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Young, Jr., with their two children Lois and Charles, embarked on a trip to Memphis, Tennessee, accompanied by Mrs. Jno. Beal and Mr. Thomas Young.

Colored Evange- list In White Church

Monroe, Iowa, April 7th (ANP) An experiment was made here last week that proved a great success. For the first time in the state of Iowa a white Baptist church engaged a colored man to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings. The First Baptist church, Rev. J. J. Carlson, pastor, invited Rev. C. J. Robinson (colored) pastor of Corinthian Baptist church of Des Moines to conduct this meeting. When interviewed, Rev. Robinson said he had never been received better by any people. He had large congregations every night. He enjoyed the hospitality of their homes.

On Wednesday the public school had a special assembly for the purpose of having Rev. Robinson speak to the four hundred students and teachers.

"JUST SAY A NEGRO DID IT"

Nashville, Tenn., April 7th (ANP) Police were given orders to "shoot to kill" Wednesday for a light skinned colored man suspected as a "cover snatcher," despite the fact that contrary reports state that a white man is the terrorist of eleven white girls. The man is alleged by the girls to have entered their bedrooms, armed with a revolver, his face masked, and flashed a light in their faces. None of the girls was harmed.

Spurious reports have been sent out and published in white publications since the "reign of terror" started last Friday to the extent of almost "pinning" the crime on a colored man. The name of the colored man being sought is with held by police. However, they state that he has been sought for the past year on charges of having assaulted a white girl, and upon this flimsy deduction their suspicion is centered on this particular Negro.

St. John Sunday School

St. John Baptist Sunday school was opened at 9:30 O'clock March 26th by the Asst. Supt., Bro. Luther Nobles. The devotional exercises were carried out in the usual manner, after which the Supt. B. Brown taught the lesson in mass. The superintendent gave a beautiful demonstration of each lesson throughout the first quarter. The review was brief, but interesting.

Sunday April 2nd was the "Passion Week" which was held at the church Sunday at 11:00 O'clock. Prayer service was led by sisters, Suise Jones, Ada Lambert and Louise Price. A paper on Passion was read by Miss Lillian Brown. Rev. James Grant preached the morning sermon. The choir furnished music throughout these meetings.

PROGRAM OF NEW PROSPECT BAP- TIST CHURCH

The program of the New Prospect Baptist church opened the first night with Rev. J. T. Flynn. A wonderful meeting is expected throughout these services.

Sunday April 9th, an all day program will be rendered. The people from Collinsville, Miss., and Pine Grove, Alabama will be with us.

Three quartetts from Collinsville and Alabama will render several selections.

Dinner will be served on the ground. The public is cordially invited to witness this program.

Rev. C. J. Boykins, Pastor

COUNTY DEMONSTRATION AGENT IN MONROE COUNTY

Miss Carrie Sue Butler, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Butler of this city who reside 11th Street between 35th and 34th Avenue, is now County Demonstration Agent of Monroe County. Miss Butler's many many friends of this city, as well as many other places, wish for her a splendid success in her new field. According to reports, this is Miss Butler's second week.

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